## KANSAS RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

## MINUTES – MAY 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER (A.)

Chairman Brandon Jones called the May 17, 2019 meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the East Tower Conference Room of the Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison, in Topeka, KS. Commissioners David Moses, Larry Turnquist, and Dave Myres were also present. Others present included Executive Director Don Brownlee, General Counsel Judith Taylor, Director of Administration, Audit, and Finance Brandi White, Director of Electronic Security and I.T. Dennis Bachman, Director of Electronic Gaming Roger Bailey, Director of Security Joe Herridge, Recording Secretary Sarah Lynch-Chaput, and other staff.

MOTION, APPROVE AGENDA (B.)

Commissioner Moses (Turnquist) moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, APPROVE APRIL 19, 2019 MEETING MINUTES (C.1.) Commissioner Myres (Turnquist) moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION, APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (D.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Myres) moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REPORTS/ITEMS; BOOT HILL CASINO & RESORT (E.1.a.)

Diane Giardine, General Manager, reported:

- April 2019 revenue numbers compared to April 2018:
  - o Total gaming revenue decreased 8.16%
  - o Total slot revenue decreased 7.75%
  - o Table games revenue decreased 11.04%
- Past Promotions and Events:
  - o "Break the Bank" Piggy Bank Smash
  - o Travis Tritt, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - o Clay Walker, May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Mother's Day Buffet and Giveaway, May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming Promotions and Events:
  - Summer Splash Fridays
  - o \$50,000 Lucky Roll on Saturdays
  - o Memorial Day Buffet and Cooler Giveaway
  - o Earn and Win Amazon Gift Cards

LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS STAR (E.2.a.)

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LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REPORTS/ITEMS; HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT KANSAS SPEEDWAY (E.3.a.)

## Jeff Babinski, General Manager, reported:

- April 2019 revenue numbers compared to April 2018:
  - o Admissions down 16.3%
  - Total gross gaming revenue down 7.7%
  - o Slot coin-in down 8.6%
  - o Slot hold up 0.18 points
  - o Table games drop up 2.4%
  - o Table games hold down 1.6 points
  - o Poker room revenue down 16.4%
- Past Events and Promotions:
  - o Marauder's Car Show, April 20th
  - o Howie Mandel, May 4th
  - o BConnected! Player Parties, May 10th and 11th
  - LoCash, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming Events and Promotions:
  - o Aaron Lewis, May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - o Kansas High School Rodeo, May 29th through 31st
  - Southern Planes Wrestling Tournament, June 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>
  - o Trace Adkins, June 15th

## Al Thompson, Vice President of Casino Operations, reported:

- April 2019 revenue numbers compared to April 2018:
  - Total gaming revenue was \$12.35 million, a decrease of 5.4%
  - Table games revenue was \$1.1 million, a decrease of 18.8%
  - o Slot revenue was \$11.2 million, a decrease of 3.9%
- Past Events and Promotions:
  - o Max Bet Mayhem, April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Mystery Winning Hand, April 27<sup>th</sup>
  - o Kansas Lottery Scratch Ticket Giveaway, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o Robe Giveaway, May 4th
  - NASCAR Weekend at Kansas Speedway and Party on the Patio, May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming Events and Promotions
  - o Luggage Giveaway, May 17th and 31st
  - o Winners Giveaway, May 18th
  - o Final Friday on the Patio, May 31st
  - o Norwegian Cruise Line Event, June 1st

LOTTERY GAMING FACILITY REPORTS/ITEMS; KANSAS CROSSING CASINO (E.4.a.) Doug Fisher, General Manager, reported:

- April 2019 revenue numbers compared to April 2018:
  - Admissions decreased 6.8%
  - o Net slot revenue decreased 7.9%
  - o Net table games win increased 24.1%
  - Net gaming revenue decreased 5.8%
- Past Events and Promotions:
  - o Anniversary Celebration, April 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>
  - o Invitational Craps Tournament, April 13th
  - o Saving Abel, April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Boots and Beer Event, April 27<sup>th</sup>
  - o Invitational Slot Tournament, April 28th
- Upcoming Events and Promotions:
  - Walkout MMA, May 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Boots and Beer Event, May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - o Puddle of Mudd, June 8th

COMMISSION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS (F.) There were no old business items.

COMMISSION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS (G.)

There were no new business items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (H.)

There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS (I.1.a. and I.2)

Sarah Lynch-Chaput, Paralegal, reported on the Voluntary Exclusion Program statistics for the month of April 2019.

Executive Director Brownlee reported:

- The Kansas legislature has gone home without passing sports wagering legislation. The legislative session will officially end on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- A 2.5% pay increase for state employees was passed by the legislature.
- Eight states have active sports wagering, and seven other states passed sports wagering legislation this session.
- o The Kentucky Derby had \$165.5 million in wagers placed this year, a ten percent increase over last year.

- In the United States and Canada, an average of ten horses per week were euthanized as a result of racing injuries.
- The next commission meeting will take place on June 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION, EXECUTIVE SESSION; ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND BACKGROUND REPORTS (J.1 AND J.2)

Commissioner Myres (Turnquist) moved that the Commission go into executive session for the purpose of (1) confidential attorney-client privileged communications; and (2) reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. Those included in the executive session were the commissioners, executive director, and general counsel for attorney-client privilege; and the commissioners, executive director, general counsel, and director of security for reviewing the list of confidential backgrounds for licensing. The total time for the executive session was anticipated to be twenty-five minutes until 10:55 a.m. No action is to be taken in executive session, and the subjects discussed are to be limited as previously described. A full record of this motion is to be maintained as part of the permanent record of the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting is to be continued in open session. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:30 a.m.

**RECONVENE** 

The commission meeting returned to open session at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

MOTIONS ON LICENSE APPLICATIONS (K.)

Commissioner Turnquist (Myres) moved to *deny* two license applications, and *approve the request for reconsideration* of one license application, and *approve* the remaining 166 license applications from the May 17, 2019 list of background reports referred to the commission for action. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN (L.) Commissioner Moses (Myres) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Larry Turnquist Secretary APPROVED BY:

Brandon Jones Chairman